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BRIGHTLINGSEA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 10 October 2017

Present:

G Cooper
J Thomas
D Charlton

RYA East
Harbour Master

Chairman

M Doe
C Cooper
J Long
B Long
L Mulvihill
C Spikesley
D Hodgkinson
A Davies
P Coupland
F Coupland
P Stonebridge
A Gibbons
J Collins
A Goggin

In attendance:

W Coulet
D Nicholson
D Boughton

Exo Environmental
Commissioners
Deputy Harbour Master

166 Introduction & Apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed members to the group, which includes a number of new members ensuring that all stakeholders are represented. Apologies were received from:

F Brown
G Brandon
R Seago

BSC Commodore
BWSPC
Essex Wildlife Trust

167 Minutes of the Meeting of 23 March 2017.

Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

168 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

169 USAR

William Coulet (Exo Environmental) briefed those in attendance about the next phase of the project to dredge the harbour and use the sediment to reinstate the saltmarsh. The project is part of a European Interreg programme that has been set up to investigate the use of sediment as a resource (USAR). It is partially funded by BHC with the remaining funds being granted by the programme.

Year 2 Oct 17- Mar 18 Clear the south channel to (-0.75m CD).

Fill the borrow pits, more bush fascines to be constructed on Cindery West.

Monitoring has been taking place and will continue.

170 Harbour News

STAKEHOLDERS of BHC identified.

CAPITAL SPENDING - equipment until 2050

This year's spend refurbish offices

Wreck House improvements

Filing system improvements

Colne Guardian

Dispose of RIB

Engine replacements

Pontoon repairs

Pile replacement planning

Dredger construction

Tidegauge/Met station

Fuel barge 4 yearly servicing plus refurbishment

CAPITAL SPENDING - Dredging

Commercial

The Harbour main channel entrance up to the town pontoon, maintaining a depth of 1m below Chart Datum (CD).

The Town pontoon to Oliver's Wharf and fuel barge, maintaining a depth of 0.75m below CD.

Area of the fuel barge, maintaining a depth of 0.75m below CD.

Leisure Harbour

The pontoons and moorings in the South Channel dredged to a depth of 0.75m below CD.

Leisure Marina

The Marina depth maintained frequently ensuring that sediment is always in suspension.

ACTIVITIES

Leisure moorings CPI increase only forecast.

Marina CPI increase only forecast.

Taxi up 25%. No increase in price forecast. Children still free.

Visitors Up 22% on last year. No increase in price forecast, redefined banding.

Ferry up 40% on last year. No increase in price forecast, possible group reduction.

Wharf and commercial activity, noticeable Increase;

17 ships since April
9 larger commercial vessels
2 extra windfarm vessels
2 dive-boats
2 extra IFCA boats
Cockle fishing fleet

Personal Water Craft (PWC). Leaflets, prosecutions, partnering with police, future club?

Colne Navigation: Annually checked also POC for CBC wrecks.

Schools engagement: Schools week, Buoyed Up.

Boat park; some changes

Piles on hard; Procedural change

Charitable causes supported by BHC: RNLI, Brightlingsea in Bloom, 1st

Responders, Regatta fireworks, Samaritans.

Sponsorship: Pyefleet Week BODs.

Fuel:

Fuel annual and 4 yearly service, location rental & lease conditions, 2nd tier response, spill course costs, fuel cost & labour; coupled with the number of litres sold in a given period = cost/litre

Business Development plans: PWC, ferry charter, apprenticeships

Marketing: Visitors guide, royal visit, website, local newspapers, Facebook

AGM 8 Nov 2017 CYC at 1930 hrs

171 Matters raised by members

P Coupland educated those present on the effect of the 1987 “hurricane” and its consequences on the posts. He was concerned that removal of too much silt when dredging the south channel may compromise their stability. The HM also asked if he would formally share some of his advice with Commissioners.

J Robinson asked if the use of Gift Aid could be used to offset any payments for the lease of Harker’s Yard in a drive to reduce fuel costs. The details of any contractual arrangements are commercially confidential, however the possibility would be looked into.

D Charlton asked if there was a possibility in future of providing water on the Town hammerhead, HM responded it was possible and may in fact happen, however all should be aware that the Town hammerhead was not owned by BHC.

C Spikesley asked if the Commissioners had considered what the future held in store for Brightlingsea sailors, he believed that the sport was in decline as fewer youngsters seemed to be getting involved. What were the Commissioners going to do about it? The HM responded by stating the commissioners had indeed considered this and resolved to maintain strong links with the schools, be part of an apprenticeship programme and also sell the ideals when with members of the public. It was recognised that this could not be done alone and everyone had to play their part, including other members of the industry.

172 Meeting closed 20.33

173 Date of next Meeting

14 Mar 2018